



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT TRAVIS K. ALWARD

Chief Master Sergeant Travis K. Alward is the Chief of Operations at the United States Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (AFSNCOA), Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Alabama. He provides general oversight of day-to-day operations including student centered activities, student leadership and recognition programs, and provides guidance and oversight to scheduling and student administration.

Chief Alward grew up in Farmington, New Mexico and entered the Air Force in June 1992. He graduated from the Imagery Interpreter Specialist Course at Goodfellow AFB, Texas in February 1993. His background includes various duties in the Imagery Intelligence career field at the National, Tactical and MAJCOM levels in support of numerous operations. He has served in a number of positions including AETC Technical Training Instructor, First Sergeant and Squadron Superintendent. His assignments include stateside bases in Ohio, Nebraska, Texas and Virginia; he has also served overseas in the United Kingdom and Republic of Korea. In 2010, he deployed in to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn as the First Sergeant for the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. Chief Alward joined the AFSNCOA team in August 2014.



#### EDUCATION:

1997 Airman Leadership School, RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom  
2002 Basic Instructor Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas  
2004 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Goodfellow AFB, Texas.  
2005 Associate in Applied Science, Communications Applications Technology, Community College of the Air Force  
2005 Associate in Applied Science, Instructor of Technology and Military Science, Community College of the Air Force  
2007 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (correspondence)  
2011 Associate in Applied Science, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force  
2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama  
2013 Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Intelligence Studies, Concentration in Law Enforcement Intelligence, American Military University  
2013 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force  
2014 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (correspondence)  
2014 Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor Course

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1992 - July 1992, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. July 1992 - February 1993, Student, Imagery Interpreter Specialist Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
3. February 1993 - May 1995, Electronics Imagery Analyst, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. May 1995 - May 1998, Unit Support Imagery Analyst, Joint Analysis Center, RAF Molesworth, United Kingdom
5. May 1998 - April 2002, Assistant Team Chief, Defensive Missiles, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
6. May 2002 - August 2006, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Squadron Operations, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
7. August 2006 - August 2007, Imagery Mission Supervisor, 607th Air Intelligence Squadron, Osan AFB, Republic of Korea

8. August 2007 - February 2009, Imagery Operations Flight Chief, 30th Intelligence Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia
9. February 2009 - February 2012, First Sergeant, 10th Intelligence Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia (December 2011 - June 2012 First Sergeant, 386 Expeditionary Security Force Squadron, Southwest Asia)
10. February 2012 - July 2014, Squadron Superintendent, 479th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia
11. August 2014 - present, Chief of Operations, Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell Gunter AFB, Alabama

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1997 Airman Leadership School Americanism Award  
2004 Noncommissioned Officer Academy John L. Levitow Award  
2004 17th Training Group Noncommissioned Officer of the Year  
2004 Second Air Force Ceremonial Guardsman of the Year  
2005 Community College of the Air Force Powell and Pitsenbarger Award  
2007 30th Intelligence Squadron Noncommissioned Officer of the Year  
2008 30th Intelligence Squadron Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year  
2010 497th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group First Sergeant of the Year  
2011 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Distinguished Graduate and Commandant's Award Finalist  
2011 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing First Sergeant of the Year

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Airman	18 December 1992
Airman First Class	18 October 1993
Senior Airman	18 June 1995
Staff Sergeant	1 January 2000
Technical Sergeant	1 June 2004
Master Sergeant	1 June 2008
Senior Master Sergeant	1 September 2012
Chief Master Sergeant	1 October 2015

(Current as of January 2016)